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PROFESSOR MARTIN ON THE PERKY EXPERIMENTS

I have received the following letter from Professor Martin:

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., July 21, 1913.

DEAR PROFESSOR TITCHENER,

In mentioning only the three reagents who took part in Series IIb and IIc, in your recent discussion (this JOURNAL, xxiv, 124) of the investigation regarding the difference between memory and imagination images, found in my work *Die Projektionsmethode und die Lokalisation visueller und anderer Vorstellungsbilder*, you certainly give an incorrect impression as to the data upon which I base my impression regarding the Perky investigation.

Series II, IIa, IIb and IIc were all made with the purpose of getting at the difference between the images of memory and imagination. In Series II and IIa in which the results (see p. 78) as well as those of IIb and IIc do not confirm those of Perky and in which I naturally place more confidence, on account of the wider experience of the reagents, not alone as *Versuchspersonen* but as *Versuchsleiter*, the following ten members of the Psychological Institute of Bonn University acted as observers (see p. 8): *die Doktoren Baumgarten, Behn, Bühler, Morisse, Rieffert, Schanoff, Professor Girgensohn; die Herren Kemp, Köhler und Silberstein.*

I shall, of course, be very glad if you will publish this letter in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY.

Very sincerely yours,

LILLIEN J. MARTIN.

I should be sorry to give an incorrect impression of Professor Martin's work,—though I can hardly have done so to a careful reader,—and I therefore add a word of explanation. Series II and IIa were completed before Professor Martin became acquainted with the Perky experiments, and were made by her own method of projection (Z., lxi., 1912, 398). Series IIb and IIc were made with direct reference to Perky, under conditions which, in Professor Martin's judgment, approximated as closely as possible to those of Perky (*ibid.*). I open my discussion with the words: "I do not intend to offer here any general criticism of Professor Martin's recent work on imaginal complexes . . . I defer . . . discussion until further experimental evidence, for or against, is forthcoming. It is my present purpose to examine only a small part of her published work . . . undertaken as a test of certain results obtained by Perky in my laboratory." And I say later: "We are now taking up the whole problem afresh, with special reference to Professor Martin's method of projection."

In the letter printed above Professor Martin *has not said a word in reply to my criticisms of Series IIb and IIc*: I may take it, then, that she admits the justice of these criticisms. She confines herself to a mention of Series II and IIa, that is, of experiments *performed by a method which I expressly declined to criticise until I had experimental data at command.*

E. B. TITCHENER.